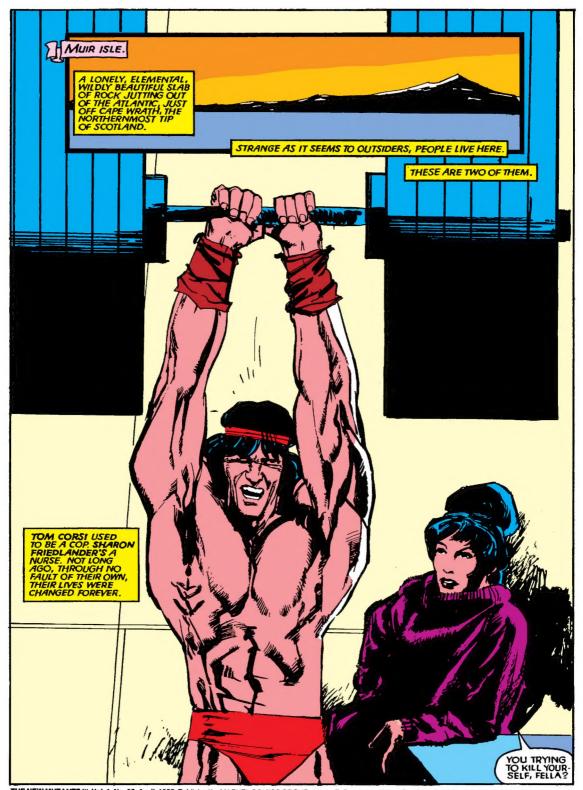


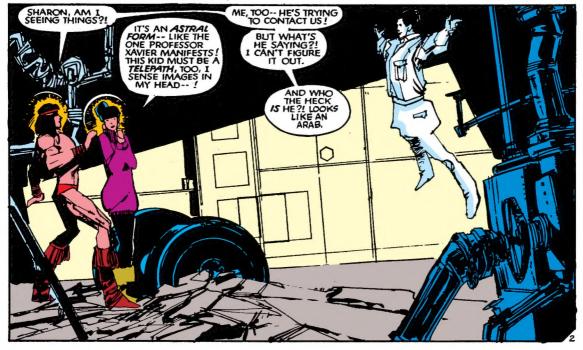
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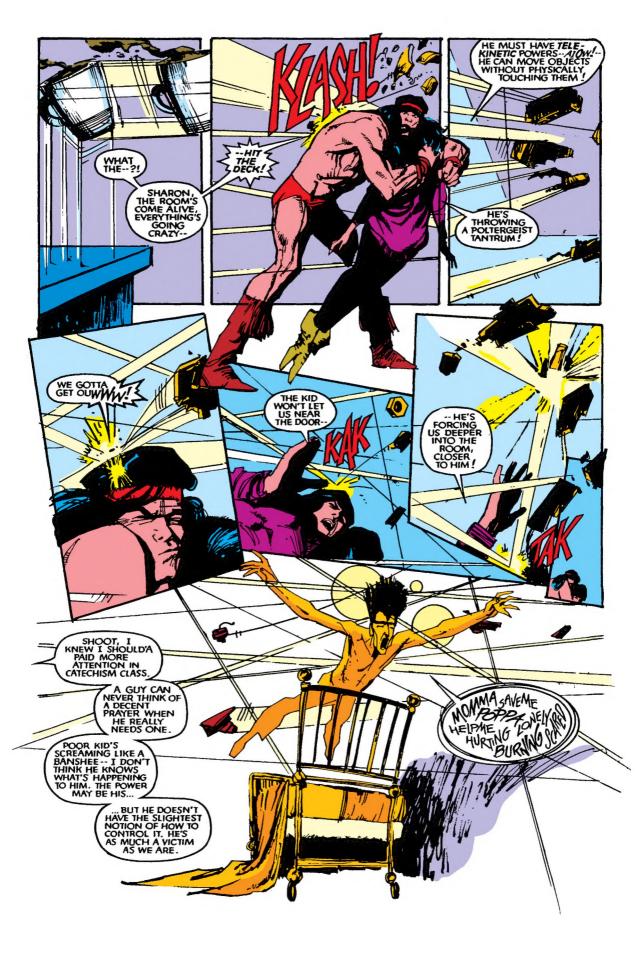


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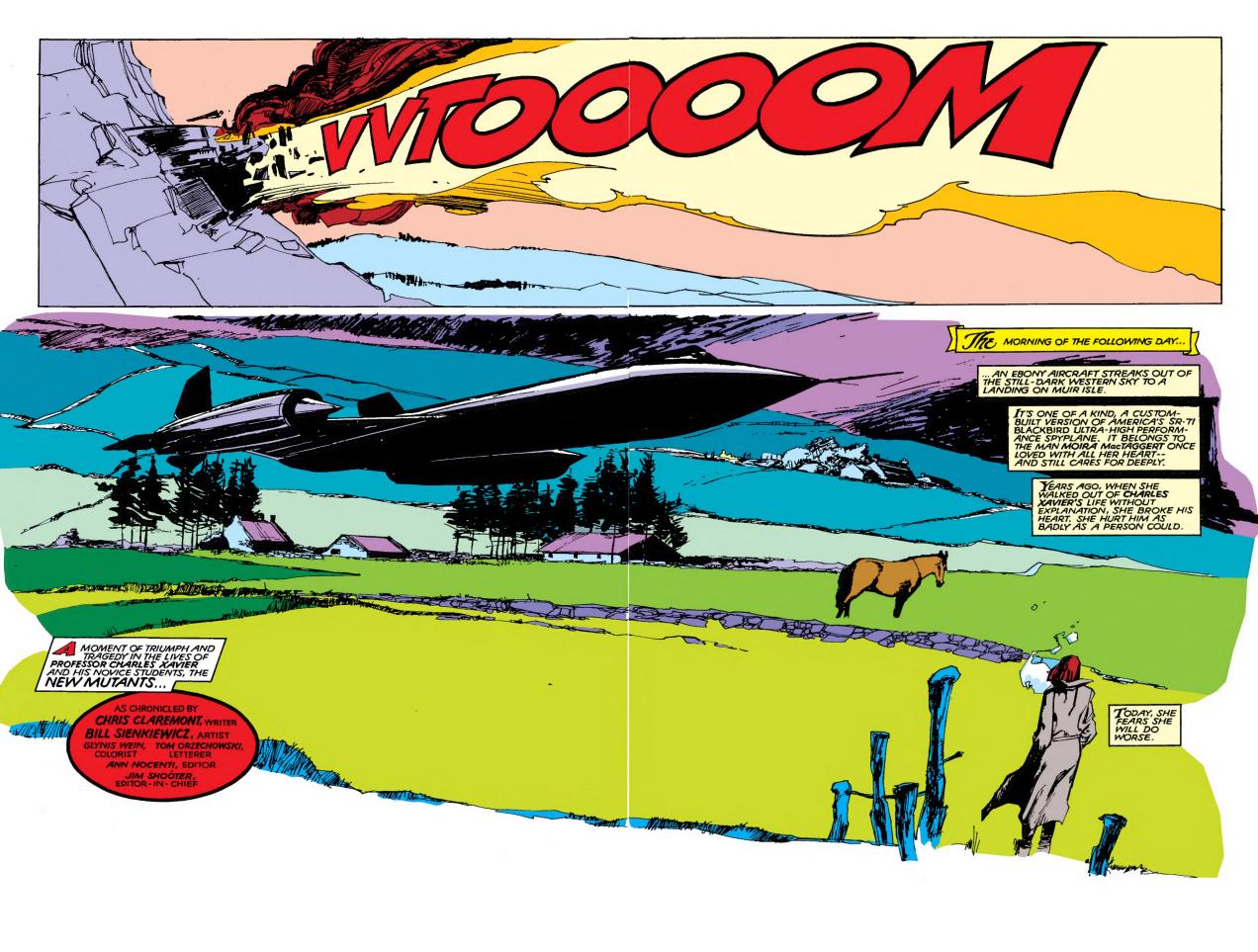


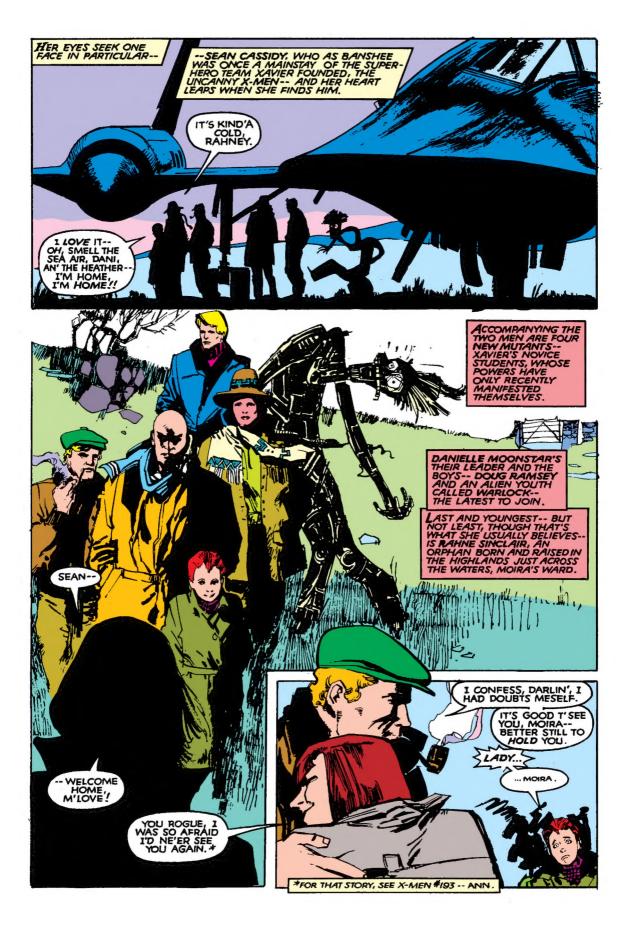
LIKE THE WHY US, LORD, AIN'T WAY HE'S WE BEEN THROUGH LOOKING TENOUGH?! FIRST AT US! THAT DEMON BEAR, NOW THIS.

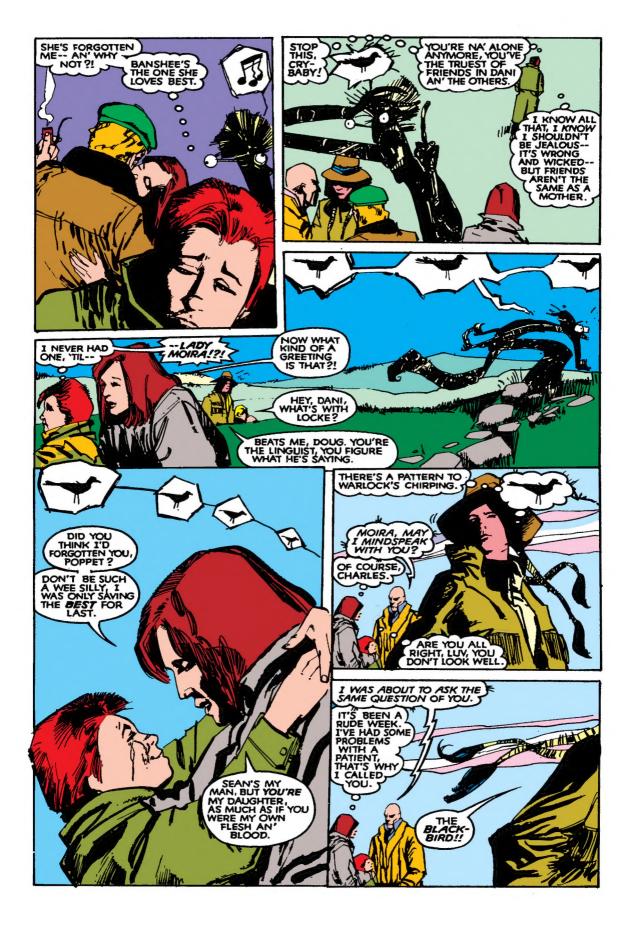
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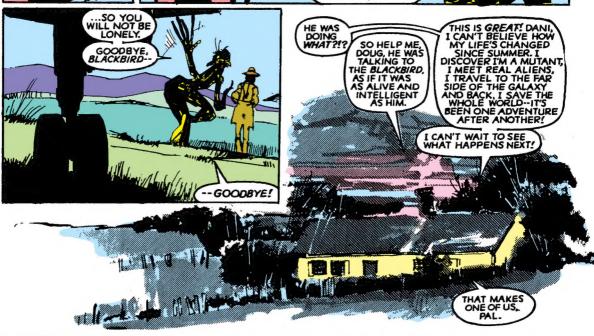


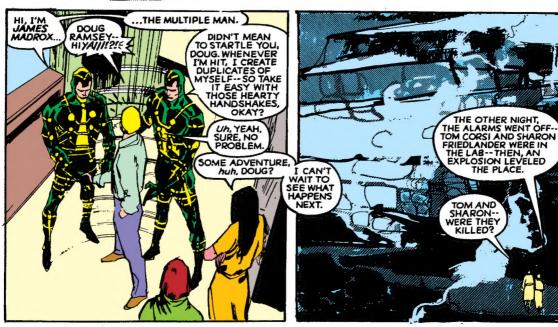


















ITS PRESIDENT IS
EMMA FROST-SCION
OF NEW ENGLAND
MERCHANT ARISTOCRACY, WHOSE
ANCESTORS FOUGHT
IN THE REVOLUTION
AND SAILED CLIPPER
SHIPS TO THE FAR
CORNERS OF THE
EARTH.

SHE IS A MUTANT-A TELEPATH, MUCH LIKE XAVIER-AND AS THE WHITE QUEEN, A RUI ING MEMBER OF THE IN-FAMOUS HELLFIRE CLUB.



THE GOAL OF ITS SECRET INNER CIRCLE IS POWER, PURE AND SIMPLE. THIS CABAL SEEKS TO RULE THE WORLD AND VIEWS SUPER POWERED MUTANTS AS A PRIMARY MEANS TO THAT END.

SO IN ADDITION TO HER NOR-MAL STUDENTS ARE A VERY SPECIAL FEW, ANALOGOUS TO XAVIER'S NEW MUTANTS, KNOWN AS THE HELLIONS.





YOUR SELF-INDULGENT
MANIPULATION OF
FIRESTAR'S EMOTIONS
HAS QUITE POSSIBLY
DEPRIVED THE HELLFIRE
CLUB OF AN INVALUABLE ASSET!

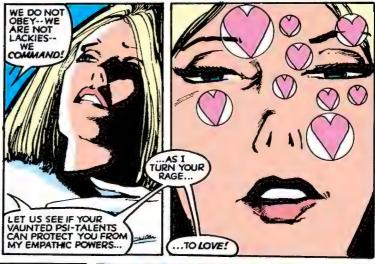
IN THE SPACE OF A DAY, YOUR CRUELTY HAS UNDONE YEARS OF WORK!*



*FOR DETAILS AND FURTHER REPER-CUSSIONS, SEE X-MEN *193 AND THE FIRESTAR MINI-SERIES, BOTH ON SALE SOON. --Ann N.















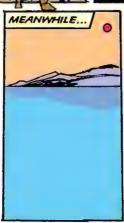
FOR MERCY'S SAKE, LOCKE, SHAPESHIFT BACK TO HUMAN!











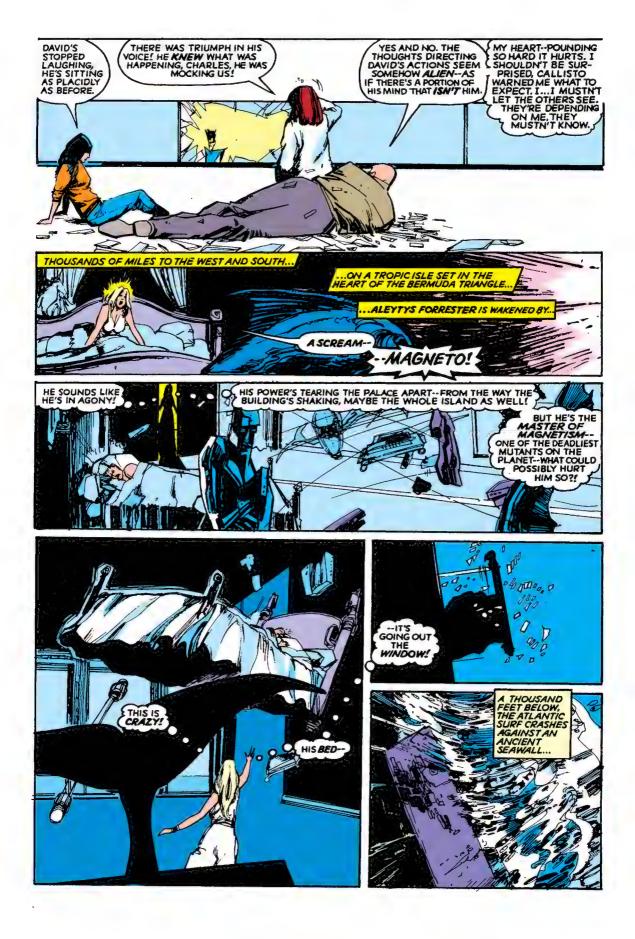




IT PROTECTS HIS CONSCIOUSNESS FROM A WORLD TOO TERRIBLE WITH GABY, I WAS SO
SURE OF MYSELF, THAT I HAD
THE ANSWERS, KNEW WHAT WAS
BEST. I FREED HER FROM THE
PRISON OF HER MIND-BUT, IN THE
PROCESS, FORCED HER TO RELIVE
THE HORRORS OF HER CHILDHOOD.
ONCE MORE, SHE SAW HER
PARENTS SLAUGHTERED,
ENDURED THE DEGRADATION
OF BODY AND SPIRIT. TO BEAR.

A PART OF HER HAS ALWAYS HATED ME FOR THAT.





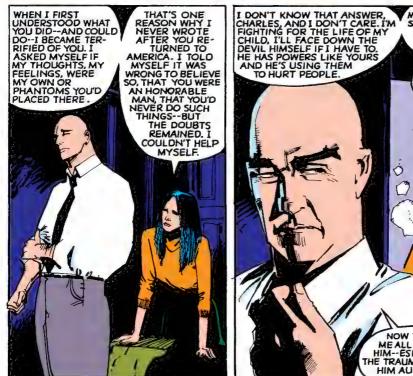


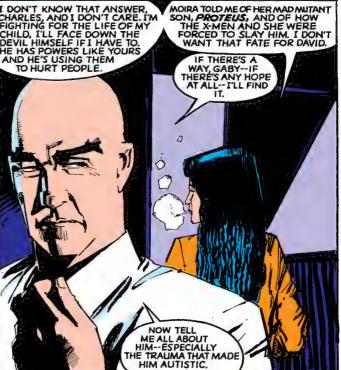


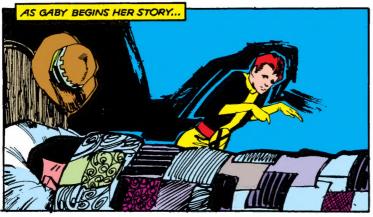












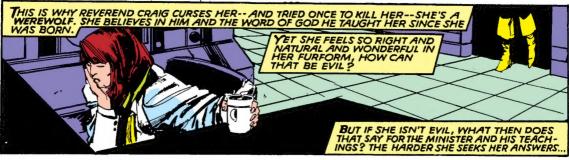


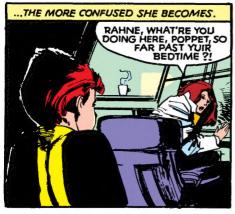
IT'S A FAIR DROP FROM THE SECOND FLOOR BEDROOM WINDOW, SO RAHNE SHIFTS TO HER TRANSITIONAL FORM--PART HUMAN, PART WOLF, COMBIN-ING THE BEST ELEMENTS OF BOTH SPECIES.















Bullpen-Bulletins

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The year Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Four was the most successful year in Marvel's glorious history — the latest in a string of six record years in succession. Not too bad, huh? It's still the Marvel Age . . . and we're gaining speed! We work hard around here trying to deserve your support . . . and we really appreciate it. Thanks a lot, from all of us.

HOW DO YOU FOLLOW AN ACT LIKE THAT?

I'm so glad you asked. What we've got for 1985 is something to see. For instance, SECRET WARS II. That's right — the most successful comics series in a quarter century is going to have a sequel, written by me, penciled by Sal Buscema, and inked by Steve Leialoha. It will be a nine-issue limited series, the first issue of which will be on sale in April. It'll feature every single Marvel hero and the story told in

Secret Wars II will cross over into every single Marvel Universe title! It's going to make history. Watch for it.

There are many more nifty things coming of course. Watch the hype box!

AND NOW, CONTINUING MY PROUD TRADITION . . .

Once again, I will not present you with a list of New Year's Resolutions. I, frankly, usually find other people's resolutions cliché and tiresome. I'll bet you do, too.

OH, AND BY THE WAY . . .

If you live near New York, or if you're ever visiting here, be sure to stop and see the BARKING DOG MUSEUM. It's small — basically just the storefront window of 46 Grand Street in Manhattan's colorful Soho district — but worth a look. It features the surrealist-inspired, mixed-media assemblages of one Richard Parker, visual artist and ... strange person. If the name sounds

familiar, It's Lacause Rick also letters some of your favorite Marvel titles — which isn't why I'm plugging his show-place. The fact is, I think Rick's work is fantastic. Years from now, when he's garnered the acclaim from the art world that he's sure to get, I'll be proudly pointing out to everyone that I knew it all along!

We were all greatly saddened to learn of the death of Don Newton last August 19. He was an excellent artist and a fine man.

The comics business, and the world, also lost Phil Seuling during 1984. Phil was the comics distributor who virtually singlehandedly created the direct sales distribution system. We all owe him a lot. He was a wonderful man, and we'll miss him.

Best,

Thint

Jim Shooter Editor in Chief

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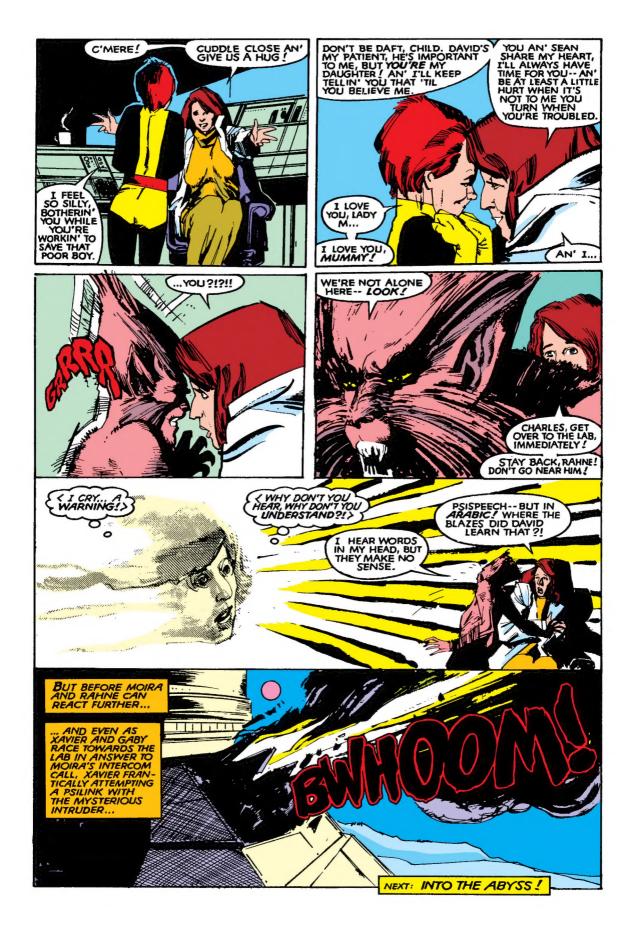
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